By local youths

Fun is shared

The 1982 4-H Share-the-Fun Show was held this past Saturday evening in the auditorium of Appomattox County High School. American Federal Savings and Loan Association of Appomattox provided rosette ribbons to each 4-H member participating in the program.

Top winners in the program included:

Junior Division (ages 9-11) Brett Stratton and Danny Richardson, "Short People"; Dusty Wilhoit, "Appaloosa", Teresa Burger, Dawn Hancock, Rhonda Ranson and Julie Youngblood, "Physical"; and Shana Harvey "For Those Tears I Died." The **Intermediate Division** (age 12-13) winners included: Kathy Beasley, "The Entertainer"; Brett Marston "Casey at the Bat"; Jennifer Coleman, "You Light Up My Life" and Angelia Jaggars, Monica Stratton and Jennifer Schmutz, "In the Navy." **Senior Division** (ages 14 and up) winners were David Hancock, "Noah" and Michael McCoy, "One Day at a Time."

Each of the top winning acts will have the opportunity to go on to further competition later this spring.

Additional performers in the 4-H Share-the-Fun Show included:

Junior Division–Sharon Watkins, "It Must Be Magic"; Kathy Bryan, Dana Campbell, Robin Martin, Kim Krantz, "Elvira"; April Hackney, Wendy McClenny, Debbie Richardson, "The Bossy Sergeant"; Diane Hamlin, "The Hot Line"; Beth Marston, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"; Uronda Hix and Natasha Woolridge, "The Accent Commercial"; Dean Nash, "You Are My Sunshine"; Tanya Moore, "Misfit Toys"; Donna Hamlett, Shelia Hamlett, Kristen McDonald, "The Wish"; Denise Daubenspect, "The Golden Days of Spring"; Kevin Armentrout, "Trumpet Solo 'New World Theme/Aura Lee'; Kathy White, "Piano Solo 'It's Almost Like A Song', 'The Way We Were'"; Shawn Womack, Piano Solo "Appaloosa"; Latrese Lee, Piano Solo "Far Away Chimes."

Intermediate Division - JoAnn Jamerson , "Medley from 'Grease' "; Ada Hunter, Annette Turner, "We've Come This Far By Faith"; Cheryl Simpson, "I Cannot Go To School Today."

Senior Division - Tony Bailey, "One Day At A Time"; Carolyn Harvey, "God Has Always Stood By My Side"; Delisa Watkins, Marlene Watkins, Regina Watkins, Sandra Watkins, "Lonely Heart"; Donna Baldwin, Mitzi Baldwin, Jennifer Inge, "The Hogtown Gossips."

Over one hundred and sixty 4-H'ers participated in the total Share-the-Fun program this year. Share-the-Fun provides an opportunity for young people to develop their talents and creativeness, and a chance to gain poise and self-confidence through participation.

Special appreciation is due the many 4-H parents and volunteers who assisted with this year's 4-H Share-the-Fun programs. Emceeing the final show were Blair Smith and Laura Walton. Attractive decorations were constructed and arranged by the 4-H Achievers Community Club with Susan Parris serving as volunteer leader. 4-H'ers assisting were Darrell Conner, Nancy Cole, Danny Williams, Jeff Williams, Jo Ann Jamerson, Martha Haley, Anne Hancock, Lisa Harrison, and Brett Harrison.

4-H SHARE-THE-FUN JUNIOR DIVISION WINNERS: front row, from left - - Dusty Wilhoit, Shana Harvey, Brett Stratton, Danny Richardson; back row, from left - - Dawn Hancock, Rhonda Ranson, Teresa Burger, Julie Youngblood.

4-H SHARE-THE-FUN INTERMEDIATE WINNERS: front, from left - - Monica Stratton, Jennifer Schmutz, Angelia Jaggars; back row, from left - - Brett Marston, Kathy Beasley, Jennifer Coleman.

4-H SHARE-THE-FUN SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS AND EMCEES: (from left) Blair Smith (emcee), David Hancock, Michael McCoy, Laura Walton (emcee).

Mt. Shiloh

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh." Matthew 25:13

Church meeting will be held this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

Regular morning worship service will be conducted this Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

The Willing Workers Club has completed plans for their anniversary program. Mrs. Louise Scotes, from Chatham, Va. will be in concert on March 21, 1982 at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Page has undergone surgery at a local hospital and is improving.

Prayers are extended to the oppressed and the sick and shut-in.

Have a good week!

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

After being snowed out the previous week, the County Share-the-Fun Show was finally held this past Saturday. The top winners from Share-the-Fun will go on to represent Appomattox in District and Area competition later this spring.

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4-H Strawberry plants should arrive early next week. Families ordering plants will be notified when the strawberry plants arrive. Plants may be picked up from the Extension Office in Appomattox (next to Appomattox County Jail) during normal working hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.

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4-H members will also be receiving their pine seedlings from the Virginia Division of Forestry this month. The members receiving trees will be instructed in correct planting techniques when they receive their trees.

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A special 4-H Lambarama will be held on Tuesday afternoon, March 16 at the Five County Fairgrounds near Farmville. The program will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will continue until about 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. This workshop is for 4-H members and their parents and will include information on selecting a market lamb, feeding, care of, and fitting and showing. 4-H members participating in the Lambarama will have an opportunity to work with some lambs at the workshop. Please call the Extension Office if you have questions.

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A new 4-H Cat Care Project is now available. The new material is excellent and was written and illustrated by several volunteer leaders in Loudon County, 4-H'ers interested in this project can request one from the Extension Office.

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The Spring 4-H Livestock Show for beef steers, beef heifers, market lambs and market hogs, that has been held in Farmville over the past several years, has been moved to Blackstone. A date has not been established for the show at this time.

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An excellent program has been planned for the East Central District 4-H Leaders Conference set for Saturday, March 20 at the Southern Piedmont Research Center near Blackstone. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Two Appomattox 4-H'ers, Brett Marston and Terri Nash, have been asked to have parts on the program. Miss Pam White, Volunteer Leader from Appomattox, serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the East Central District Leaders Association.

Foreign-interest reports due

By TOM CONRAD

Foreigners reminded to report U.S. farmland interests - Foreigners who own or have an interest in farmland in Appomattox County are reminded to report ownership to our office. ASCS county offices across the Nation have the job of keeping track of how much farmland is owned or controlled by foreign individuals or interests.

The reporting requirement stems from the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978, which requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings, acquisitions, leases (over 10 years) and land-use changes. Farmland owned by foreigners before February 1979 should have been reported by August 1979. Those who have acquired or disposed of farmland since that time are required to report these transactions within 90 days. Those who fail to report or who are late in reporting face possible fines. In FY 1981, USDA had assessed 707 penalties for late filings, amounting to $417,361.

For reporting purposes, agricultural land is defined as any tract of more than one acre now in agricultural, forestry, or timber production. This includes land in agricultural use when purchased as well as land later converted to agricultural use. Interest means any right, title, or legal share of ownership in farmland, such as partnership, trusts, estates, or shares in a corporation that owns farmland.

As of March 8 foreign investors have reported owning about 700 acres of Appomattox farmland.

Often, a farm operator, real estate dealer, bank, attorney, holding company, or other institution will report in behalf of foreign clients. Individuals or companies that specialize in land holding, land transfers, or management services should contact the ASCS office for details.

Preliminary results of fire tobacco referendum - Preliminary results of the fire-cured tobacco referendum in Appomattox County indicate most voters favor continued acreage allotments and price support.

When the ballots were tabulated last week at the ASCS office, the results were 201 for continuation of the present program and 21 against. There were approximately 700 eligible voters.

All fire-cured tobacco counties across the state were involved in the referendum. Statewide results will determine the outcome. As of today, we have not been advised of the state results, but we should know within the next week or two. Results will be publicized.

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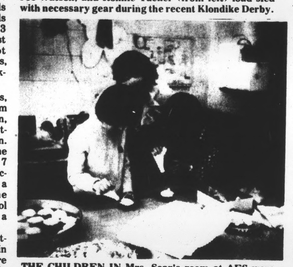
'Wolf Patrol' competes well

BEN MARTIN, Mike Carmody, Scoutmaster Ron Steinkamp, Ben Baxter, Sean Isom, Dennis Reynolds, Joe Watson, and Ronnie Tucker (from left) load sled with necessary gear during the recent Klondike Derby.



THE CHILDREN IN Mrs. Sear's room at AES were very excited about their art lesson. This was the day for Mrs. Gerald Hodge to give a demonstration on cake decorating. After her instructional demonstration each child was allowed to try his hand in decorating his own cup cake which he carried home to his mother.

The Wolf Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 546 from Appomattox lived up to their motto to "Be Prepared" recently. The patrol won second-place honors in the Boy Scout Klondike Derby, an annual scouting skills competition event.

The Appomattox Scouts competed with over 300 Scouts representing 41 patrols from Central and Seminole Scouting Districts. The Hawk Patrol from Appomattox also placed among the top patrols and received a ribbon of honor and merit. The volunteer efforts of 50 adult leaders helped to make the day-long event a real learning experience for the Scouts.

Scoutmaster Ron Steinkamp commented that the 15 Scouts in both patrols could be very proud of their accomplishments. The boys were elated over their victory, but also exhausted from the long day of hauling their Alaskan style sled, filled with camping and survival gear, over the rugged course.

The Klondike Derby is hosted by Westvaco Timberlands on the company's Buffalo Creek Nature Area near Evington. This is the 11th year the event has been held on the Westvaco property.

A high degree of teamwork, skill and spirit is required for the patrols to be winners. The skills tested along the rugged 3 mile course include first aid, axe safety, knot tying, map and compass, fire building, outdoor cooking and rope rescue.

The first-place winners, the Pioneer Patrol from Troop 278 Lynch Station, Herman Neuman Scoutmaster, won a dutch oven. Third-place winner, the Zebra Patrol from Troop 7 in Lynchburg, Pete Hatcher Scoutmaster, won a camp cook grill. The second place Wolf Patrol from Appomattox won a camp ice chest.

All scouts received patches for participating in the competition, but more important they were able to test their skills and gain experience to make them better prepared for real life situations.

'Parenting' can be very trying

AES meets all criteria

Coping with kids or Parenting is difficult

Being a parent isn't easy. In fact it is one of the hardest jobs most adults will ever tackle. The task requires patience, maturity, self control, good judgement, self sacrifice and lots of love. Hardest of all, a parent ideally should be all these things 24 hours a day, even when it has been a rotten day. There may be no day off for months.

Most of us have never had training in how to be a "good parent". Generally we do the same things our parents did, and muddle through somehow.

But what if our parents were less than ideal? We may find ourselves unable to cope with our own children. We may lose our cool.

Every parent has felt this way at times. For some the feelings come far too often. Parents who recognize that they have a problem can be helped if they reach out. Reaching out for help requires a great deal of courage and real maturity. It is nothing to be ashamed of. It is an expression of love for their children.

These are warning signs for parents who might need help:

*Feeling troubled or nervous with no one to turn to; *Feeling lonely and isolated; *Often being depressed; *Feeling inadequate as a parent and unable to cope; *Being frightened about what you might do to your children; *Sometimes physically hurting a child just because you're angry with yourself; *Being confused about your sexual feelings toward your child.

If these feelings seem to describe you, reach out and do something for both you and your child. Call 352-5957 or 352-5733. A parent group called Parents Anonymous is being formed in Appomattox.

Very simply, parents who recognize that they "lose their cool with their kids" meet together weekly in a supportive, concerned way to help each other find practical, nonpunitive ways of dealing with their children. Meetings are rap sessions where members don't have to feel guilty about their feelings or actions. Confidentiality and anonymity are stressed. There are no charges or fees of any kind. Child care is provided free and free transportation is available to everyone who needs it.

Meetings will be held at Memorial Methodist Church, on Court Street, on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 beginning March 22. If you want more information, or just want to talk to someone who cares, call 352-5957 or 352-5733.

Galilee news

Inspiring services were held at Galilee Baptist Church this past Sunday the Rev. Albert Davis and the YSD Singers were in charge. Several visitors were present.

Afternoon services sponsored by the usher board were a success. A large crowd turned out to hear the Rev. Robert Jones and the special group from Lynchburg.

This Wednesday night, the YSD Singers will be in revival concert at the Wingfield Baptist Church in Lynchburg.

The Senior Choir will hold its regular meeting and rehearsal this Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

On the second Sunday morning a special guest minister from Lynchburg will be our speaker, YSD Singers also.

A "Young People's Concert" will be held at Galilee this coming Sunday at 3 p.m. The youth department from many surrounding churches have been asked to participate. You are assured of a delightful evening of praise in song.

Mr. Charles James Ford of Old Dominion Job Corps Center, Monroe, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Ford Harris of Appomattox.

Thought for the week: Children are the tomorrow of society.

Amy Bradner is guest

Mrs. Amy Bradner, Supervisor with the State Department of Education, met with principals, supervisors and division superintendent on February 23 to discuss the usage of computers in the public schools of Virginia.

The Department of Education has appointed a committee, of which Mrs. Bradner is a member, to make a study of computer usage and to assist the local divisions in choosing the equipment best suited to their needs.

She emphasized that it is important that computer awareness begin in the primary grades. She stated that the literacy stage of working with computers should be complete after grade eight in order that the students in grade nine are at a fluency level.

Computer usage in the home and in the business world make it imperative that the schools include the availability of computers for the students. In the last two years, computer sales to school systems in Virginia have increased annually by 30 percent to 40 percent. Exposure to computers at a young age will prevent students from being intimidated later on.

Computers in the instructional program may be used for drill or practice, tutorial, simulation, problem solving, informational with the gifted and talented, diagnoisis of student needs and monitoring progress. Administrative uses in the schools include instructional management, data analysis, record keeping.

Law may benefit rural fire depts.

ON BEHALF of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, Karen Johnson presents a contribution to Ray Noble of the Appomattox Volunteer Rescue Squad. "The club greatly appreciates the fine work the squad performs for the county," Karen said.

Rural fire departments in Virginia may benefit from the Rural Community Fire Protection Program under Public Law 96-313. State Forester W. F. Custard, in making this announcement, stated that the $53,600 grant made available last year permitted the purchase of necessary equipment for 174 rural fire departments. Since the Act went into effect in 1975, a total of $391,677 in matching grant money has been disbursed in 1,115 matching grants to 251 fire departments. This year $48,100 of grant money is available for allocation to qualifying rural departments. The Virginia Division of Forestry is charged with the administration of the Virginia grant and will absorb the administrative costs to allow the full $48,100 to be available to the rural fire departments.

The grant money is to be used to assist rural fire departments which service communities having populations of less than 10,000. Emphasis will be placed on assistance with training and the pruchase of small equipment items. The funds are available on a matching basis, said Custard.

The Act provides the following guidelines for use in setting priorities for the funds:

1. Preference must be given to those fire departments that have applied for or have received loans from the Farmers Home Administration under Title II.

2. Preference should be given to the newer fire companies.

In order to be eligible for a grant consideration, continued Custard, a fire department must be able to answer "yes" to the following questions:

1. Does the department service a community with a population of 10,000 or less?

2. Is the request for assistance in organizing, training or equipment? (Large equipment, such as a truck, cannot be considered.)

3. Is the department able to match half or more of the grant requested?

If the answers to the above questions are "yes", the department may make application for a grant to the nearest District Office of the Virginia Division of Forestry. District Offices are: Box 198, Waverly 23890; P. O. Box 635, Sandston 23150; Box 3758, Charlottesville 22903; Box 386, Farmville 23901; Box 100, Salem 24153; Box D, Abingdon 24210; Box 2393, Staunton 24401; Box 3306, Portsmouth 23701; Box 759 Tappahannock 22560.

The Act provides the temporarily limited amount of money, a series of guidelines have been set up to assign priorities to the applications received, concluded Custard.

OLDER WORKER WEEK (Cont'd from page 7)

Green Thumb, Inc. is a nationwide Older Worker Employment Program funded through the Department of Labor and is working to eliminate the unfounded prejudice against older workers.

Virginia Green Thumb directly hires nearly 500 workers 55 years old and older. These workers are placed in a variety of community jobs throughout the 68 rural counties in which the program operates. The Green Thumb workers not only demonstrate the value of accumulated experience and wisdom acquired with age, but also contribute services that their communities might not otherwise afford.

Virginia Green Thumb urges both public and private employers to "hire the older worker." We are an equal opportunity employer and one resource for locating older job seekers. For more information, employers may contact the Virginia Employment Commission in their area or write to the Virginia Green Thumb office at: Marshall Building, Main Street, Blackstone, VA 23824; or call 804-292-5326. Contact person: Alma C. Johnson or Betty J. Wright.

There is one Green Thumb worker at the 4-H Center at Holiday Lake, and six at the State Park, Holiday Lake.

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3. Sam and Grace Faulkenberry will show slides of trip to Holy Land and their work in inner city
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